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For: OPTICAL DEVICE FOR USE WITH A  
LITHOGRAPHY METHOD

Examiner: P. B. Kim

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANIED BY RCE**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This is in response to the Final Office Action dated August 26, 2005, for which a response was due on November 26, 2005. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one-month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to December 26, 2005. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.